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REMARKS

In the present action, claims 7 to 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP-B-6-26563 in view of Hustad (U.S. Patent No. 5,064,664). Claims 1 and 15 are allowed.

Without admitting the propriety of the 35 U.S.C. 112 and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections, claims 7 to 14 have been canceled in order to place the subject application in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2007, and is believed to place this application in condition for allowance. If, however, minor issues remain that can be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

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